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agency in and ask them questions about their budget requests. While at the same time, I think it's sensitive to the fact that, for instance the state colleges, you know, Chadron would have to come down in February and March, and this way, you know, at least they would know what it is that their process is asked for in front of the Appropriations Committee. Then if the Standing Committee wants to hear that same testimony, they'd have the option to do so. I have no problem with that, because there has been a problem in the past that not enough people understand what all goes into the agency hearing process. This would give every Standing Committee, if they wanted to, to hear the same hearing that we had. And also at the same time, I would certainly be willing to work with the Standing Committee chairmen, you know, we'll try and get our agency hearing schedule out as soon as we can, so if a Standing Committee wants to come in and watch the proceedings that day, to hear the same testimony that the Appropriations Committee does, I would encourage them to do so. So the first part of the amendment I think actually makes that rule better than it is in its present tense. The second part of the rule is one of those things that is a change in the process. How large that is, is something that, I guess, really yet to be determined. But the fact is that the reason I prefer this over the original rule that came out of the Rules Committee, which said that it made it mandatory that every Standing Committee heard all 70 agencies in the hearing process. I think that is burdensome on the Legislature's time. I don't think all Standing Committees want to do that. The way it is now if a Standing Committee wants to do it, they can do it. And the second part of this rule would give that agency hearing a little more oomph, so to speak, because what would happen is that...give you some examples of how we think it possibly could work, let's say the Appropriations Committee finished its deliberations, makes a recommendation to the floor of the Legislature, for instance on a Friday. The next week what, I guess in my opinion, I would like to see happen is to have the Fiscal Office and members of the Appropriations Committee meet with the various Standing Committees and explain what went on in the budget request in the agency of record, whether it be Social Services in Health and Human Services, whether it be the Education Committee, whether it be the Department of Natural Resources in front of the Natural Resources Committee. You know it would give the Appropriations Committee process time to actually explain what is going on to a committee that's logically interested in that area. I have no problem with that, in fact I encourage that. I